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Institution: Newcastle University
Unit of Assessment: Politics and International Studies
a. Overview

Politics, with 24.6 staff FTE, is a distinct unit in the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology (GPS). Since RAE2008, we have increased the number of staff in the unit by 20%, which has enabled us to further develop our strength in our three principal areas of research: international politics; governance and political organisations; and political philosophy. Our demographic profile is skewed towards mid-career and Early Career Researchers (ECRs) with 7 Lecturers, 11 Senior Lecturers (SLs), 2 Readers, 4 Professors and 2 part-time Emeritus Professors. We have appointed nine staff since 2008, all at Lecturer level, and five are ECRs. All staff appointed before 2008 have been promoted to SL, Reader or Chair. We have three research clusters, one in each of our principal areas of research, with overlapping interests and membership. All staff and postgraduate research students (PGRs) are members of at least one of our vibrant research clusters. Each cluster has an academic co-ordinator. We are actively involved in interdisciplinary research groups and institutes at School, Faculty and University levels, as well as research networks beyond Newcastle. Politics has its own Head of Unit, Research Director and PGR Director, who are responsible for the management of research. They work with cluster co-ordinators and School, Faculty and University Research Committees to ensure that colleagues have the time, resources and support to fulfil their research potential.

b. Research Strategy

We aim to produce outstanding research and make a significant contribution to the discipline by providing research leadership and high quality postgraduate training. We appoint early career scholars with the potential to become world-leading researchers and provide a collegial and supportive environment in which they can develop and realise their goals. We want our staff to be complete academics: **(1)** producing excellent research; **(2)** presenting their research in an engaging way to academic and non-academic audiences; **(3)** providing research leadership through active roles in professional associations, editing, leading research networks and organising events; **(4)** contributing to a vibrant and supportive research community in Newcastle and beyond by actively participating in research groups, sharing ideas and providing feedback on colleagues' work; **(5)** delivering high quality, research-led teaching and supervision; and **(6)** playing a full part in the effective running of the unit. We aim to achieve this through high quality mentoring, training and peer support whilst ensuring that colleagues have the time and resources to fulfil their potential [see sections c and d]. We set the same high standards for our PGRs and include them in our research activities so that they benefit from active membership of a research community [see c].

In this REF period, we have achieved our goals by successfully promoting the development of new and established colleagues: **(1)** We have produced excellent research. Since 2008, we have published 35 books, 176 journal articles, and 85 chapters in edited volumes. The 13 monographs that we have published include David's IPSA prize-winning *Lustration and Transitional Justice*, Coward's agenda setting discussion of the politics of urban destruction and Zito's comprehensive study of *Environmental Governance in Europe* (with Wurzel and Jordan). We have published articles in leading journals, including *Security Dialogue*, *International Political Sociology*, *Political Psychology*, *Party Politics*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Public Administration*, *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Political Studies*, *West European Politics*, *Review of International Studies*, *Global Environmental Politics*, *Environmental Politics*, *African Affairs*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *The Monist* and *European Journal of Philosophy*. **(2)** We have presented our research on more than 400 occasions to academic and non-academic audiences in over 20 countries. **(3)** We have provided high-quality research leadership. We have held official positions in PSA (Clark and Brooks), BISA (Coward) and ECPR (Maloney). We currently edit four ISI-listed journals (*Environmental Politics*, *BJPIR*, *Politics and Globalizations*) and have edited two more (*African Affairs* and *Journal of Moral Philosophy*) in this period. We have edited 38 books and journal special issues and 6 book series, including *Rethinking Globalizations* (Routledge), which now includes 48 published volumes. We have led 10 research networks, including 6 PSA and BISA groups, and organised more than 50 conferences and workshops. **(4)** Our research clusters have organised three seminar series with over 100 speakers and have provided a supportive and collegial environment for the discussion of staff and postgraduate work. We are involved in numerous networks and collaborations with colleagues elsewhere [see section e]. **(5)** We have

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supervised 33 PhD students to completion with 17 students publishing articles in peer-reviewed journals and 14 now in academic posts. We have 8 successful MA programmes, which regularly attract more than 50 students per year, and in the 2013 National Student Survey 93% of our undergraduate students were satisfied with their programme. **(6)** We have a managed workload model that ensures all staff contribute to the effective running of the unit, while protecting 40% of our time for research.

Politics has its own Research Director who works closely with the Head of Politics, the research cluster leaders and the Politics PGR Director to decide Politics research strategy and policies in the context of the School strategy. The Politics Research and PGR Directors are members of the School Research Committee. These arrangements for the management of research are nested within structures for managing and fostering research at Faculty and University level: Faculty Research Strategy Group monitors and promotes research activity throughout the Humanities and Social Sciences and reports to the University Research Committee which sets general research policy and reviews and provides feedback on research performance.

Our research is organised through three clusters – International Politics, Governance and Political Organisations, and Political Philosophy. These provide support for organising events, helping individuals develop their work through all stages of the research process, and sharing ideas and practices. Key achievements and future plans are as follows.

International Politics (12 staff)

The International Politics cluster has grown significantly in this REF period with six new appointments (Barr, Coward, Feklyunina, McGahern, Ovidia and Routley) and only one Emeritus Professor leaving the cluster. This has enhanced our strength in four key areas: critical security studies; world politics and popular culture; soft power and public diplomacy; development and IPE. We also have expertise in international relations theory and European security and defence policy. Staff and PGRs in the cluster organise “New Voices”, an interdisciplinary seminar series addressed by early career researchers from across the UK. The cluster meets regularly to discuss staff and student work, organises regular reading groups and has recently experimented with a writing group. It has a blog, *CSI-Newcastle* (Culture, Security, Identity), on the popular *e-IR* blog.

Critical Security Studies. In Coward and Grayson, we have two of the outstanding mid-career scholars working in critical security studies in the UK. Coward’s monograph [1] on the politics of urban destruction employs an innovative phenomenological approach to understanding the interplay of violence and the built environment. In more recent work, he has developed the novel idea of the “urbanization of security” [2] and original accounts of citizenship and subjectivity in the contemporary city [3]. His current project is a monograph, *Cities under Fire*, which examines the distinctly urban forms of warfare. Grayson’s monograph [2] analyses how Canadian identity has been constructed through the discourses and practices of Canada’s drugs and security policy. His research on the biopolitics of definitions of human (in)security [1] has already been reprinted in SAGE’s *Human Security*. His *Security Dialogue* article on the politics of assassination [3] examines the relationship between culture and biopolitics, and he is exploring this in more depth in a monograph (to be published by Hurst) on the cultural politics of targeted killing. Research in this area is also being developed by Behr (who proposes a phenomenological approach to peace and conflict resolution in a new monograph to be published by Routledge), McGahern (whose work on policing protest in Israel is funded by a Leverhulme Trust Fellowship) and Routley (who is in the early stages of research on the experience of prisoners in Nigeria).

Popular Culture and World Politics. We are quickly establishing a reputation as world-leaders in this emerging sub-field of critical international relations. Davies, Grayson and Philpott (with Rowley and Weldes) edit the new Routledge *Popular Culture and World Politics* book series (4 books published and 5 under contract). They lead the PSA Specialist and BISA Working Groups on Art and Politics and are founder members of the international steering committee for the World Politics and Popular Culture conference series, having co-organised the 2009 conference. Their co-authored ‘Pop Goes IR?’ *Politics* (2009) is a short agenda-setting piece that is shaping work on the popular culture-world politics relationship. Davies founded and directs our distinctive MA programme in *World Politics and Popular Culture*, an innovative example of international collaborative (with York University, Canada) and research-led teaching, which makes a significant contribution to our postgraduate environment. Davies’ article in *International Political Sociology* [1] uses a critical analysis of the idea of work in ‘*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*’ to challenge the conception

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(and neglect) of “work” in IPE. Philpott’s research on Hollywood depictions of the wars in Iraq and Vietnam [1] and his imaginative analysis of amnesia in U.S. foreign policy [2] illustrate the value of seeing international politics through the lens of popular culture. He is currently working on a monograph from his British Academy-funded project on Western media representations of Asian cultures. Barr’s work on Chinese soft power [2, 4] explores how the Chinese government uses popular culture to extend its influence. The members of this research group are also actively involved in the cross-School *Visualities* research cluster.

Soft Power and Public Diplomacy. We have made two new appointments in this area (Barr and Feklyunina). Barr’s *Who’s Afraid of China?* [4], which examines the use of Chinese soft power through a series of detailed case studies, was launched at Chatham House and has sold over 1500 copies, with translations into Chinese and Turkish already confirmed. Feklyunina’s forthcoming monograph (with White) and her *BJPIR* article [2] (with White and McAllister), which was shortlisted for the prize for best research article in *BJPIR* in 2010, provide original and rigorous analysis of the links between national identity and foreign policy preferences in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, based on a unique dataset of public opinion surveys combined with in-depth qualitative analysis of elite interviews. Her research on Russia’s public diplomacy and its international images [1, 3] has become a key reference point for studies of Russian foreign policy and she is currently working on a second monograph (with Routledge) that further develops her analysis of Russia’s use of soft power.

Development and IPE. We have a longstanding reputation for excellent research and teaching (MAs in *IPE and Globalization, Poverty and Development*) in this area. We have made two new appointments (Ovadia and Routley), who also provide expertise in African politics (Nigeria and Angola). Routley’s *African Affairs* article [1] challenges standard conceptions of the behaviour of national NGOs in Nigeria. She is working on a monograph (Routledge) that develops her analysis of NGO-state relations in Nigeria. Ovadia’s *New Political Economy* article is one of several outputs from his PhD, which examines new laws requiring “local content” in the oil industry in Nigeria and Angola. He is planning further research, which builds on his detailed case studies, to better understand the implementation and economy-wide effects of local content initiatives. Davies’ research has explored the limitations of international political economy, including its inadequate account of labour [1-3] and its neglect of the relationship between culture and economy [4]. He is extending his research on labour, culture and poverty with a new study of the politics of precarious workers in Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

International Relations Theory. Behr’s monograph [2] on the history of international political theory challenges the mainstream account of the continuity of “realism” in IR theory. His work on Morgenthau (with Heath and Roesch) [1, 3] and his recent co-edited (with Molloy) special issue of *International Politics* make an important contribution to the intellectual history of the discipline of International Relations by challenging the dominant reading of Morgenthau and classical realism more generally. His detailed engagement with Morgenthau’s work includes the publication and critical re-appraisal of work not previously available in English. Behr is leading a Leverhulme Trust-funded international network on “Classical Realism Meets Critical Theory”. The network held its first workshop in June 2013 with internationally leading scholars in this field, including Hansen, Williams, Luke and Lebow, as well as colleagues and PhD students from Newcastle.

European Security and Defence Policy. Mawdsley’s research examines European co-operation on defence and security policy [2-4] and includes collaborative projects with colleagues at the leading German think tank, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik Berlin. Her major report for the Flemish Peace Institute is the first comprehensive study of the European internal security market [1]. She co-organises the UACES-funded network on a European Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) strategy and is an active member of the Newcastle-based Military, War and Security research group.

Governance and Political Organizations (10 staff)

Our research in this field is empirically grounded but also addresses issues of theory, method and approach. It reflects our internationally recognised area expertise on Britain, East Asia, Europe, China and the Middle East. Since 2008, we have appointed three new staff working in this cluster (Clark, Clough and McGahern). This has enhanced our strength in studies of parties and elections and the governance of divided societies. We also have strengths in environmental governance (Zito and Gray) and interest group politics and social capital (Maloney and Barr). Members of this

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cluster have organised the “Politics” seminar series with invited speakers from the UK and Europe. They exchange draft papers and provide critical feedback on each others’ work.

Parties and Elections. Clark’s research [1, 3-4] has examined political parties and elections in Scotland and Ireland and places them in comparative and systematic perspective to provide new insights into the effects of electoral systems on both party organisation and voting behaviour. He recently co-edited (with Weeks) a book on minor parties in Irish politics and he is developing new research examining electoral integrity in Britain. Clough’s research examines the relationships between electoral systems, party organisation and voter knowledge using advanced modelling methods. Babb and Randall both study party ideologies (in Japan and Britain respectively) with Randall developing an innovative study of temporality in the ideology of New Labour [2].

Interest Group Politics and Social Capital. Maloney’s *West European Politics* article (with Beyers and Eising) [1] is an agenda-setting state-of-the-art review, which has become an essential reference point for research in interest group politics. His edited volume [2] and *Political Studies* article (both with van Deth) [3] are the fruits of his co-ordination of the ESF-funded CID network and the EU Network of Excellence CONNEX, which examined the role of civil society organisations in five European democracies through a methodologically innovative combination of activist, organizational and population data. In his contribution to the *Oxford Handbook of Social Capital* he has examined the intersection of interest groups, social capital and democratic politics. He has recently been awarded £318k as part of an EU-funded study examining the influence of family values on youth unemployment and the role of cultural capital in promoting economic self-sufficiency in 8 European countries. Barr’s monograph [1] and *Environmental Politics* article [3] (both with Zhang) draw on his original research on how environmental non-governmental organisations in China are mobilising new supporters.

Environmental Governance. Zito’s monograph [1] (with Wurzel and Jordan) is a major contribution to the study of new environmental policy instruments and, more broadly, to theoretical analyses of governance. He has also made significant contributions to debates on policy learning [2, 4] and new modes of governance [3] through his studies of environment agencies and his leading role in innovative collaborative and comparative studies ranging across different countries and policy sectors. He has recently received BA funding to support a three country study of the historical development of environmental governance, which will contribute to a SSHRC-funded comparative study that seeks to empirically test new governance theories. Gray’s research is primarily focussed on fisheries and marine governance [1], where he collaborates very effectively with colleagues and PhD students in Marine Sciences in Newcastle and elsewhere. His many successful collaborations with his PhD students [1-2 and see c] play a key role in their development as ECRs.

Governance of Divided Societies. David’s monograph [2] on lustration and transitional justice in Eastern Europe was awarded the triennial IPSA Concept Analysis in Political Science Award from the Committee on Concepts and Methods in 2012. His original theoretical and methodological contributions to the study of transitional justice have been published in *Political Psychology* [3] and the *American Journal of Sociology* [1]. He is working on a monograph that develops a distributive theory of transitional justice to deal with political crimes in divided societies. McGahern’s monograph [1] is one of the first theoretically-informed studies of state-minority relations in Israel and the first to focus on the case of Palestinian Christians. O’Flynn approaches the problems of divided societies as an empirically-informed political philosopher. His work has examined the potential of deliberative institutions [1, 3] and the role of “fair compromises” in divided societies [4].

Political Philosophy (5 staff)

Our research in this field is distinguished by its analytical approach and its concern with practical issues of policy. The political philosophers work closely together since their research draws on common philosophical concerns. They lead an interdisciplinary Research Group in Ethics, Legal and Political Philosophy which runs a seminar series, with both external and internal speakers, and organises regular conferences. In this period, Jones has become an Emeritus Professor and we have made one new appointment (Walton).

Cultural and Religious Diversity. Jones has been prolific in retirement. His research has challenged current thinking on toleration, accommodation, recognition and freedom of expression [1-2, 4]. He has also edited a major reader on *Group Rights*, which demonstrates his outstanding expertise in the field. In his work with O’Flynn [3], he has made an original contribution to theorising the

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relationship between compromise and fairness. O'Flynn has challenged accepted orthodoxies on deeply divided societies and shown how the central values of deliberative democracy can be applied to, and realised in, those societies [2-3]. With Fishkin and Luskin, he conducted the first deliberative poll in a deeply divided society [1]. He is currently working with colleagues in computing science on the development of software platforms for deliberative e-democracy.

Global Justice. Bell's work on global climate justice includes an original defence of the claim that anthropogenic climate change violates human rights [3] and a new account of the moral significance of excusable ignorance for a fair global climate agreement [1]. He has explored local and procedural aspects of climate justice in work funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and he is working on a co-authored (with Caney) monograph on *Global Justice and Climate Change* (OUP). Long has also written on climate change, arguing that the Rawlsian idea of reasonable disagreement can help us to understand the nature of debates about climate change [1]. He has made original contributions to the discussion of global political theory, including developing a distinctive account of the role of sentiments in cosmopolitanism [2] and defending a new account of the legitimisation process for NGOs involved in global politics [3]. He is working on a monograph (Palgrave), which builds on his previous work, to develop a new account of global political theory. Walton's research on Fair Trade has examined important ethical questions about Fair Trade and our obligations (or not) to buy Fair Trade products [1]. He is working on a new project that examines the broader question of what requirements must be met by a fair global trade system.

c. People, including:**I. Staffing strategy and staff development**

The primary aim of our research strategy is to ensure that colleagues can realise their full creative and professional potential. We appoint early career researchers with the potential to produce world-leading research and provide outstanding academic leadership. Generally, we avoid defining posts narrowly in order to optimise the quality of our appointments. During this period, we have appointed nine staff (Barr, Clark, Clough, Coward, Feklyunina, McGahern, Ovadia, Routley and Walton), all at Lecturer level, including seven who entered the profession in this REF period. In the same period, only three staff (Brooks, Kelsall and Trottier) have left for jobs elsewhere and two (Jones and Harrop) have retired, with Jones remaining an active researcher. The new appointments have allowed us to reduce our staff-student ratio while broadening and deepening our research expertise, especially in international politics. As noted above, our demographic profile leans towards mid-career and early career staff; excluding our two Emeritus Professors, we have only two staff aged over 55, with sixteen staff below the age of 45. Our profile therefore poses no difficulties for the sustainability of our research. Our success in retaining staff reflects the quality of the support systems that we have in place and the vitality of the research environment. We seek to ensure that our staff are rewarded for producing high quality work and for collegial contributions to the unit. We encourage and support staff to seek promotion at the earliest appropriate opportunity. In this period, we have had one promotion to Chair (Zito), two to Reader (Bell, David) and eight to SL (Clark, Coward, Davies, Grayson, Long, Mawdsley, O'Flynn, Randall). All of the ECRs submitted in RAE2008 have been promoted.

All new academic staff have an induction programme and a designated mentor. In addition, they receive bespoke training in a range of areas including PhD supervision, ethics procedures and research grant writing. We have a workload model that protects 40% of staff time for research and provides reduced and graduated teaching and administrative loads for ECRs for three years. We employ carefully selected and trained teaching assistants and part-time teachers to safeguard research time while maintaining the quality of our undergraduate programmes (expenditure £82k for 2012/13). All staff have an annual Performance Development Review (PDR) and the Politics Research Director provides research mentoring for all staff, which includes a twice yearly meeting to discuss research plans and achievements and to identify any areas where additional support can be provided. Our staff have benefited from Newcastle's award-winning training programmes. For example, Bell, Maloney and Randall have received leadership training/personal coaching to support their promotion into senior roles while others have participated in the Faculty Futures Programme for ECRs (Barr, Feklyunina, Mawdsley) and the Principal Investigator Development Programme (Barr, Clark).

Staff are entitled to study leave (a minimum of one semester in every eight), conditional upon a clear research plan and end of leave report. We also provide year-long periods of leave for staff

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who have had especially onerous management roles, from which four staff (Bell, Maloney, Mawdsley and Randall) have benefited in this period. Annually, staff are allocated £1300 for conference travel, and can apply for up to £6k from Faculty/School to conduct small research projects and develop funding applications, up to £3k to support workshops, conferences and rapid networking events, up to £500 for networking with non-academic audiences, and up to £2k to bring overseas scholars to Newcastle. Staff also control how they use their Personal Research Accounts (funded from grant overheads, Faculty incentive monies and consulting fees) to explore and develop new ideas and research-related activities. Our three research groups provide a supportive and collegial environment through which staff and students engage with one another's research. We involve ECRs in postgraduate supervision as early as possible by including them in supervisory teams with experienced colleagues.

c. II. Research students

Our research postgraduates make a vital contribution to the vitality and sustainability of our research environment. During 2008/13, we have co-/supervised 33 PhDs to completion. Twenty-one students have held Research Council awards, including 5 collaborative awards with non-academic partners. Our sustained excellence in postgraduate training now feeds into and is supported by an ESRC Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) in collaboration with Durham. This North East DTC (NEDTC) emerged from rigorous peer review and guarantees a minimum of 28 funded studentships annually in social sciences (2011-15, > £9million). Our School provides the Director of the NEDTC. Recruitment and selection use ESRC Open Competition criteria. In the first two years of the NEDTC, Politics secured 7 studentships, more than 12% of the total available across the 22 social science outlets in Newcastle and Durham. We are also one of the only Politics departments in the UK to have a designated pathway in Political Philosophy as part of Newcastle's AHRC Block Grant Partnership (BGP). In 2013 Newcastle led the 'Northern Bridge DTP' consortium (with Durham and Queen's, Belfast), which was successful in AHRC's BGP2 competition. Our PhD programme is supported by eight PGT programmes – including *Politics (Research)*, which provides ESRC-recognised research training. We had over 300 PGT students complete our MA programmes during 2008-13 and 27 of our PhD students in the period graduated from our MA programmes.

We take seriously the professional development of our postgraduates and vigorously encourage completion and dissemination. The Faculty and Unit provide a full programme of training in skills and methodology for PGRs, which all students must complete. The University's Code of Practice requires that PGRs have at least two supervisors and full-time students must meet formally with their supervisors at least ten times per year. All full-time PGRs are allocated a desk in the Politics Building and all PGRs receive a laptop computer for their own use. The progress of PGRs is monitored annually by a review panel made up of two members of academic staff (not the supervisors). For the review, students and supervisors complete progress reports and students submit a substantial sample of their written work before meeting with the review panel.

We aim to integrate PGRs fully into our research culture. Each research cluster has a nominated PGR contact and all PGRs are members of at least one research cluster. Cluster activities are jointly organised by staff and PGRs. PGRs are jointly responsible with academic staff for the New Voices seminar series, which provides excellent networking opportunities for students. The Politics Postgraduate Society is led by PGRs with the support of staff. The Postgraduate Society organises a series of eight lunchtime Professional Development Workshops each year, which are led by academic staff, including sessions on "How to make an argument", "Setting up research radar", "REF and publishing research", and "Applying for an academic job". A weekly film night run by the PGRs with sessions led by staff, PGRs and PGTs provides both a forum for critical discussion of "political" films and an opportunity for community building among postgraduates and staff. Behr organises a weekly colloquium for PGR, PGT and UG students working with him on their theses and dissertations to collectively discuss their work in an informal environment.

We encourage PGRs to present at national conferences (e.g. PSA and BISA) and postgraduate conferences, and provide funding (up to £500 per year) to make this possible. We encourage and assist PGRs in seeking publishing outlets for their work. We provided seed funding and practical support for postgraduates to set up the online journal, *Global Discourse*, now published by Taylor and Francis. Fourteen doctoral students who graduated during the period now hold University posts: e.g., Bhatanacharoen and Griffin (Durham); Beveridge (Leibniz Institute for Regional

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Development and Structural Planning); Hwang (National Defense University, Taiwan); Johnson (Lancaster); Moodie (Oslo); Mun (Seoul National University); Roesch (Coventry); Scott (Newcastle); Swaffield (Manchester). Many have published work from their theses including: books with Palgrave (Roesch with Behr; Johnson), Routledge (Bown with Gray; Al-Bisher with Gray) and Earthscan (Scott); and articles in leading peer-reviewed journals including *Review of International Studies* (Heath with Behr), *Policy Sciences* (Beveridge), *Environmental Politics* (Swaffield with Bell; Patterson with Gray), *Environment and Planning C* (Scott with Bell), *Geopolitics* (Foster), *Journal of Political Ideologies* (Armstrong with Gray), *Local Environment* (Palmer with Bell and Gray), *CRISPP* (Johnson), and *Marine Policy* (Jones with Gray; Caveen with Gray). One of our students (Pattison) won the PSA's Sir Ernest Barker prize (2007/8).

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

Since 2008, we have received funding from ESRC, AHRC, British Academy, Leverhulme Trust, EU, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Flemish Peace Institute, Alfred P Sloan Foundation, and UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Our spend from external funders in the period is £309k. Recent awards (with a 'banked income' of £429k still to spend) from the EU (Maloney, £318k), ESRC (Clough, £31k), Leverhulme Trust (Behr, £97k; McGahern, £19k) and British Academy (Zito, £10k) reflect the renewed emphasis that we are placing on externally funded research projects and the additional support that we now have in place to support applications. This support includes: (i) an internal peer review college; (ii) dedicated administrative support (School Research Manager and 2FTE administrative staff); (iii) monthly 'drop-in' sessions hosted by the School and Faculty research managers to discuss funding opportunities and applications; (iv) mentoring and advice from colleagues elsewhere in the University with an outstanding track record of research funding; (v) a new Faculty Bid Preparation Fund (up to £10k per application); (vi) longer-term planning for funding applications through PDR and Research Mentoring.

We have successfully applied for funding from various small bids funds at University, Faculty and School-level. We have been awarded over £65k in small grants and other forms of support from Faculty/School Research Committee and we have received over £70k in travel funds through the School budget. The Ethics, Legal and Political Philosophy Research Group has a budget of £3k per year and our Politics and New Voices seminar series receive £4k between them.

Politics has its own building with individual offices for staff, shared offices for full-time PGRs and a dedicated computer cluster for PGTs. Most staff, many PGRs and a significant proportion of PGTs do much of their work in the building. We host our seminar series, research group meetings, Postgraduate Society events and much of our PGT teaching in the Politics Building, which enhances our sense of being a genuine academic community. The NEDTC has a dedicated postgraduate training suite and computer cluster, which provides additional high quality facilities for our PGs, while the School provides dedicated IT support and specialist software for staff undertaking advanced quantitative methods research.

e. Collaboration and contribution to the discipline or research base

We lead and are active participants in many **formal and informal research networks**, including major networks funded by the Leverhulme Trust, European Science Foundation (ESF) and UACES. Maloney is co-founder and Steering Committee Member of the ESF-funded International Research Group – INTEREURO (with research teams based in the Universities of Antwerp, Barcelona, Bochum, Gothenburg, Leiden, Ljubljana, Salzburg and Virginia). Behr leads a Leverhulme International Network on 'Classical realism meets Critical Theory: Crises, Modernity and the Return of Humanity', which includes partners from Kent, Ottawa, Virginia Tech, Copenhagen and Geneva. Gills is Co-I (with Gray, Sussex) on the 'Global Governance and the Global South' Leverhulme International Network, which includes partners in each of the BRICS countries. Mawdsley is co-organiser of a UACES-funded network on a strategy for CSDP. Philpott, Davies and Grayson founded and lead the Popular Culture and World Politics series of annual conferences, working with colleagues in Lapland, York University (Toronto), Hobart and William Smith Colleges, and Stockholm. We have led three BISA Working Groups (Art and Politics, Post-Structural Politics and Russian and Eurasian Security) and three PSA Specialist Groups (Participatory and Deliberative Democracy, Global Justice and Human Rights, Art and Politics).

We have provided a **forum for critical discussion** of more than 100 papers at our three regular seminar series: Politics; Newcastle Ethics, Legal and Political Philosophy (NELPP); and New Voices. Speakers at the Politics series have included: Tim Bale (Sussex), Jan Beyers (Antwerp),

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Simon Bulmer (Sheffield), Bill Callahan (Manchester), Sarah Childs (Bristol), John Dumbrell (Durham), Randall Germain (Carleton), Richard Ned Lebow (King's), Jan van Deth (Mannheim), and Laurence Whitehead (Oxford). Speakers at the NELPP series have included John Broome (Oxford), David Rodin (Oxford), Laura Valentini (UCL), and Albert Weale (UCL). NELPP has organised special conferences on death (June 2011), global justice and climate change (November 2011), and on the work of Phillip Pettit (March 2009), Martha Nussbaum (June 2009), and Peter Jones (February 2010) in which Pettit, Nussbaum and Jones participated. Politics staff and PGRs have also (co-)organised over 40 conferences and workshops, including World Politics and Popular Culture (2009), The Political Life of Things (2010), Eastern Europe and the Crisis (2010), Security in the Former Soviet Space (2010), Social Movement Governance, the poor and the new politics of the Americas (2011), and Examining the Relevance of Marx and Marxism to Contemporary Global Society (2011).

Our staff have held numerous **Visiting Professorships and Fellowships**, including at Antwerp, Budapest, Ljubljana and Mannheim (Maloney), Helsinki and Zacatecas (Gills), Kiev, Ottawa and Virginia Tech (Behr), Melbourne and Pittsburgh (Zito), Tromso and Sciences Po (Grayson), and Australian National University (O'Flynn). Our **research collaborations** with colleagues in other universities have produced 15 co-authored or co-edited books and 36 co-authored articles. Our collaborations include: within the UK, Barr with Zhang (Kent) on a co-authored monograph; Behr with Molloy (Kent) on a co-edited special issue of *International Politics*; Bell with Caney (Oxford) on a co-edited special issue of *The Monist* and Haggett (Edinburgh) on a co-authored article; Gills with Gray (Sussex) on a co-edited special issue of *Third World Quarterly*; Jones with White (Oxford) on an AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society Programme funded project on the state in a multi-faith society; Maloney with Hay (Sheffield) and Stoker (Southampton) on a special issue of *Representation*; Zito with Jordan (East Anglia) and Wurzel (Hull) on a co-authored monograph; internationally, David with Choi (Chinese University, Hong Kong) on several articles; Maloney with van Deth (Mannheim), Beyers and De Bievre (both Antwerp), Berhagen (Zeppelin/Stuttgart), Eising (Bochum), Haplin (ANU), Kohler-Koch (Mannheim and Bremen) and Roßteutscher (Frankfurt) on co-authored articles and book chapters; O'Flynn with Fishkin (Stanford) and Luskin (Texas) on a co-authored article; Zito with Tollefson (Victoria) and Schout (Clingendael) on a Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada funded project, which led to co-authored articles and a co-edited special issue of *Public Administration*.

We have made significant contributions to **professional associations**, including: Maloney: ECPR Executive Committee, Publications and Publicity Portfolio; Steering Committee member of ECPR Standing Group on Interest Groups; ESRC Seminar Series Competition Peer Review and Commissioning Panel; ESRC Board of Examiners; Board member of the Dutch Smart Governance Research Programme; Clark: PSA Executive Committee; Coward: BISA Executive Committee; Convenor, BISA Post-Structural Politics Working Group; Feklyunina: Co-convenor (and co-founder) of the BISA Working Group on Russian and Eurasian Security; Gills: ISA, IPE Section, Chair of Public Scholar Committee; Jones: President of the UK Association for Legal and Social Philosophy (ALSP); Long: Treasurer, UK ALSP; O'Flynn: Co-convenor of the PSA Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Specialist Group.

We have made a major contribution to the discipline through **editorial work**, including: Journal editorships: Currently: *Politics* (Coward, Grayson, Barr, Clough, Feklyunina); *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* (Clark); *Environmental Politics* (Zito); *Globalizations* (Gills); *Critical Studies on Security* (Grayson). In the period: *African Affairs* (Kelsall); *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (Brooks).

Review editorships: *Environmental Politics* (Bell).

Book series editorships: Routledge *Rethinking Globalizations* (Gills); Routledge *World Politics and Popular Culture* (Davies, Grayson, Philpott); Routledge *Critical European Studies* (Behr with Stivachtis); Palgrave *Global Political Thinkers* (Behr with Roesch).

Special issues edited include: Behr: *Review of European Studies* (2009 with Stivachtis), *International Politics* (2013 with Molloy); Bell: *Monist* (2011 with Caney), *Environmental Politics* (2013); Clark: *Irish Political Studies* (2010 with Weeks); Gills: *Third World Quarterly* (2012 with Gray); Jones: *Res Publica* (2011); Maloney: *West European Politics* (2008 with Beyers and Eising); O'Flynn: *CRISPP* (2012 with Weale); Zito: *Public Administration* (2012 with Tollefson and Gale), *Journal of European Public Policy* (2009), *Environmental Politics* (2013 with Barry and Mol).